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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-19 and 21-22 remain in this application with claims 1, 15 and 21 being independent claims. Claims 1, 13, 15 and 21 have been amended.

Regarding the rejection of claims 13, 14 and 20 under 35 USC 112, Applicant has amended claim 13. Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 13 and 14 as now presented overcome this rejection. Regarding the rejection of claim 20, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn as claim 20 is no longer pending.

Regarding the rejection of independent claims 1, 15 and 21, Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims as now presented are patentable over the cited references.

Regarding the rejection of dependent claims 2-14, Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims as now presented are patentable over the cited references.

Regarding the rejection of dependent claims 16-19, Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims as now presented are patentable over the cited references.

Regarding the rejection of claim 20, Applicant respectfully asserts that this claim as now presented is patentable over the cited reference.

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It is believed that the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance; therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of the claims, and full allowance of same. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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